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2           WHEREAS, Lung cancer is caused when cells grow at an  
3 accelerated rate and do not die, as normal cells would do;  
4 instead, they continue to grow and form a group of abnormal  
5 cells called a tumor; and

6           WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in both  
7 men and women; and

8           WHEREAS, Lung Cancer is often caused by smoking, but  
9 chances of developing this type of cancer increase with family  
10 history or with exposure to secondhand smoke, asbestos, radon  
11 gas, or high air pollution; and

12           WHEREAS, Each year, more people die from lung cancer than  
13 colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined; and

14           WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death  
15 and the second most diagnosed cancer in both men and women in  
16 the United States; and

17           WHEREAS, Today's smokers smoke fewer cigarettes than those  
18 50 years ago, however, they are at higher risk of developing  
19 lung cancer; and

1           WHEREAS, Lung cancer has the lowest 5-year survival rate of  
2 common cancers (breast, prostate, and colorectal) at 17%; and

3           WHEREAS, Although lung cancer has the highest death rate of  
4 any cancer, in 2015, it received a disproportionately low  
5 amount of federal research funding; in total, an estimated  
6 \$1.012 billion was spent on breast cancer research, \$350  
7 million on prostate cancer research, \$315 million on colon  
8 cancer research, and only \$265 million on lung cancer research;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, The fight against lung cancer occurs on multiple  
11 levels, including education, outreach, and policy efforts; and

12           WHEREAS, Increased coordination among all stakeholders,  
13 including federal and state governments, providers, patient  
14 groups, community leaders and organizations, the public,  
15 business, and researchers, is critical to promote the  
16 prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung cancer;  
17 therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the month  
20 of November 2016 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the State of  
21 Illinois.